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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN OF VIII OASGA

1. DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AT OPENING SESSION OF
OASGA JUNE 21 TO CHOOSE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR
NINE DAY SESSION. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE WAS DETERMINED BY
LOT IN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ;IT PUTS COLOMBIA AND COSTA
RICA AT TOP OF LIST. NORMAL PRACTICE IN OAS IS TO MAKE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF HOST NATION CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVE
OF RANKING NATION IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE ASSUMES VICE
CHAIRMANSHIP. SINCE THIS GA IS AT OAS HEADQUARTERS AND HAS
NO HOST, ORDER OF PRECEDENCE SEEMS MOST JUDICIOUS SYSTEM
FOR CHOOSING CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN, AVOIDING A
DIVISIVE POPULARITY CONTEST. WE RECOGNIZE FONMIN LIEVANO
HAS COMMITMENTS AT UN AND MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SERVE OUT
FULL NINE DAY TERM. BUT IF HE IS WILLING TO CHAIR
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OPENING PLENARY AND DIALOGUE SESSIONS, THIS WOULD GIVE
IMPORTANT PORTIONS OF GA FIRM HAND AT TILLER.

2. REQUEST AMBASSADOR SEEK MEETING WITH FONMIN LIEVANO
TO SOUND HIM OUT ON HIS VIEWS. WE WOULD BACK HIM
STRONGLY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP AS LOGICAL FIRST CHOICE IF HE
WOULD AGREE TO ACCEPT. CHRISTOPHER

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